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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Vrydagh, Josse A., 1833-1898
Title	Indiana State Capitol competition drawings collection
Date	circa 1877-1878
Extent	3.0 Cubic feet 1 extra-large oversize box, 1 large oversize box
Language	English

Preferred Citation

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Historical Note

A competition of architects was held in 1878 to produce a winning design for the new Indiana State Capitol building, the third site in Indianapolis, Indiana to house the General Assembly. The architects' drawings were marked by number and received a name to maintain anonymity; the entrants included Isaac Hodgson, Josse A. Vrydagh, Elijah Myers, and Edwin May, as well as at least twenty others. Edwin May was the architect selected by the Board of State House Commissioners (created in 1877) and his plan was called "Lucidus Ordo", Latin for "a clear arrangement". There were several lawsuits after May's design won, instigated by politicians and losing architects. Construction began in October of 1878 and the exterior was completed on July 3, 1886, with the interior finished soon thereafter. Edwin May died in 1880 and his associate, Adolph Scherrer, oversaw the completion of the construction.

Sources:

May, Edwin. (1878). "Description of the New state house for the State of Indiana to be erected at Indianapolis." Indianapolis, IN ISLO 725.11 no. 7

"The Indiana State Capitol". (1888). ISL) 725.11 No. 4

"The Indiana State Capitol Building: A Centennial Restoration 1888-1988". ISLO 725.11 no. 22

"Indianapolis Collected: There's no place like dome". Historic Indianapolis. Retrieved 2017/05/03. <http://historicindianapolis.com>

"State House". (1994). Encyclopedia of Indianapolis. Bloomington, IN:Indiana University Press. ISLI 977.201 M341ien Print.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes drawings from entrants in the competition for the design for the Indiana State Capitol. There may be drawings from Josse A. Vrydagh of Terre Haute, Indiana and another architect during 1877-1878 regarding the Indiana State Capitol building in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a records transfer from the Indiana Division.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed 2017/05/DD by Edythe Huffman. EAD finding aid created 2017/05/DD by Edythe Huffman.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Indiana State Capitol (Indianapolis, Ind.).

Subject(s)

- Architecture--Competitions--United States
- Indiana--Capital and capitol
- Public buildings

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
Josse A. Vrydagh, Indiana State Capitol drawing, circa 1877-1878	1	1
Josse A. Vrydagh, Indiana State Capitol principle elevation drawing, circa 1877-1878	1	2
Josse A. Vrydagh, Indiana State Capitol facade drawing, circa 1877-1878	1	3
Indiana State House entresol, first, second and third story drawings, circa 1877-1878	1	4
Indiana State Capitol interior and exterior drawings, numbered 186, circa 1877-1878	2	1
	Box	Object
Leather art portfolio, empty, circa 1877-1878	2	1